

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims are 1 to 15.

The above amendment is responsive to points set forth in the Official Action.

With regard to the objections in Official Action paragraph 1, these have been corrected by the above amendment.

With regard to Official Action paragraph 2, the claims have been clarified responsive to the rejections on indefiniteness.

In this regard, "structure" has been replaced with -- polymer micelle --. Support is seen from the phrase "a structure (or polymer micelle)" which occurs in the specification, page 5, lines 31 to 32 and page 8, first full paragraph.

The above replacement of "structure" with -- polymer micelle -- clarifies the following:

"this core-shell structure remains after forming an encapsulation on the carbon compound"

That such a structure as mentioned above remains is seen from the fact that the composite shows a high solubility, as stated in, for instance, the last paragraph of "Composite Production Example 3" on page 15, in particular, the passage as follows:

"... It was found that fullerene had been solubilized in water at a concentration as high as 2.9 mg/ml."

Thus, the present claims are definite and are fully supported by the specification.


No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

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